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Police Headquarters,
March 25, 1929.

RE ALLEGED THREATENING LETTER RECEIVED BY A JAPANESE

Sir,

With reference to the article appearing in the Shanghai Nippo, dated March 23, referring to an alleged threatening letter demanding $5,000 said to have been received by a certain Japanese residing on Range Road, I beg to report that I have conducted minute enquiries in the course of which I ascertained that the recipient of the letter is Dr. Miau Wu Chang(廟 煥 章), the President of the Chuwa Hospital, 137 Range Road. Dr. Miau, who is a native of Formosa, a graduate ~~from~~ a certain Japanese Medical College and was subsequently honoured with the title of Doctor of Medicine. He has been practising in Shanghai for many years and is quite popular among the Japanese community. When interviewed by me at 10.30 a.m. yesterday, March 24, Dr. Miau admitted having received a threatening letter and stated that the report appearing in the Shanghai Nippo is more or less correct. He stated that the letter was written in the Formosan dialect and was received by him on March 6 by post. It was signed with the name of the "Tan Vung Tsai(臺 文 社)", the literal translation of which will be the "Formosan Cultural Society", and it demanded a sum of $5,000 to be delivered at the office of the society which is not known to exist in Shanghai. Dr. Miau believes that since he is a Formosan, the letter was written by some Formosan outlaw in extreme poverty in order to extort money from their fellow countryman who is doing well. He stated, however, that he cannot possibly recollect any irregularities that might have led to the present affair either with his fellow countrymen or with any other person. Personally, Dr. Miau does not attach any importance to this matter and therefore he only notified the Japanese authorities on the following day i.e., March 7, and did not report the matter to the Municipal Police. Dr. Miau stated that this is the first time that he had ever received a threatening letter and prior to this he does not remember having been intimidated by any persons. Incidentally, with regard to the present letter nothing further has ~~b~~ as yet been heard.

The Shanghai Nippo reports that a few other Japanese have also received similar letters, but my enquiries have proved that there is no foundation for this report. It is not believed that there is any political background in this case.

I remain, Sir,
Yours obediently,

S. Nakagawa

J. D. I.

Noted. Information
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~~Superintendent~~
~~A.C. Division~~

Nakagawa
Should tell the Japanese Consulate
Rebtelly that we want to stop
& ask for cooperation
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The foreign Station is much more Dr. Miau's home that the Japanese Consulate.
The Japanese Consular authorities should refer the complainants to the criminal Police.
Nakagawa will do so.
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March 23, 1929, Morning Translation.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GENERAL PEI CHUNG HSI ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI ON DAIREN MARU: MEETS GENERAL LI TSONG ZUNG

The Shanghai Nichi Nichi publishes the following report:-

We reported in our evening issue yesterday that General Pei Chung Hsi and his suite had arrived at Moji, Japan. This report was received from reliable sources. We now learn that General Pei, in order to mislead the public, purposely sent one party to Japan while he himself came to Shanghai on the D. K. K. liner Dairen Maru which arrived here from Dairen on March 21a As soon as the steamer berthed alongside the S. M. R. Wharf General Pei boarded a launch sent specially by a certain country and landed safely at a wharf farther up the Whangpoo. He was accompanied by two other men, but they left the steamer together with other passengers. It is reported that on the evening of March 21 General Pei had a conference with General Li Tsong Zung through the medium of a certain party.

There is much speculation as to what route General Pei will take to reach Hankow, but according to what we have learned he will proceed thither by steamer in a few days. General Pei's suite in Dairen is due to sail for Canton on the first available steamer.

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JAPANESE RECEIVES THREATENING LETTER DEMANDING $5,000

The Shanghai Nippo publishes the following report:-

The other day a certain Japanese residing on Range Road received a threatening letter demanding $5,000. The letter was couched in highly threatening tones and said that should he fail to pay the money or report the matter to the Police his life would be in danger. The letter was written in Chinese and signed by a gang of several men who have just arrived in Shanghai from their native place and who are now starving owing to unemployment. This sum is said to be required for passage money for the men to go back to their native places.

The recipient of this letter is an old resident of Shanghai and is a gentleman in every respect.

It is believed that a few others have also received similar letters. The Japanese authorities are conducting vigorous inquiries.

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A BOGUS ELECTRIC METER EXAMINER

The Shanghai Nichi Nichi publishes the following report:-

At about 5.30 p.m. on March 22 a middled aged Chinese of the working class claiming to be an electric metre examiner called at No. 27 Helen Terrace off North Szechuen Road, the office of Dr. Wutsu, a dentist, and attempted to make for upstairs. Dr. Wutsu told him in Chinese that there was nothing wrong with the meter. The man tried to force his way upstairs but was frustrated by Dr. Wutsu and a couple of friends who happened to be there. When the man was ejected from the house there was another Chinese waiting at the entrance.